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*World of Labor*

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**An old yellowed pamphlet**

"In the main, the officials of the American trade union movement function brazenly and aggressively as an agency of American imperialism at its worst. Our labor leaders are, with too few exceptions, primarily serving as labor lieutenants of American imperialism in the ranks of the organized and unorganized workers. On the whole, these trade union officials react swiftly and decisively to the needs and demands of the Yankee imperialists."

Guess who wrote the above. Or the following:

"Everyone knows that the whole policy of the American Federation of Labor officialdom in inspiring and seeking possible the organization of the so-called Pan-American Federation of Labor was largely a game calculated to help hoodwink and mislead the working masses of the Latin-American countries so as to paralyze and stifle their possibilities and capacities to resist the plans of Wall Street for imperialist domination and exploitation of these territories."

And the same person, referring to the AFL leadership's opposition to a delegation of non-Communist labor leaders to the USSR, wrote "reactionaries feel that such a delegation is dangerous to their campaign of slander and vilification of the Soviet Union." So the "most corrupt forces of the trade union officialdom were mobilized by them to crush the plan to send this American delegation." The writer further observed that "too often it is true that our American labor leaders pursue a policy far more reactionary than that pursued by some groups of powerful capitalists."

The above is from a pamphlet "The Labor Lieutenants of American Imperialism," published 45 years ago by the Daily Worker. I went in search for this 14-page yellowed pamphlet on receipt of a new pamphlet, a product of the same man, published by the AFL-CIO, entitled "Who is the Imperialist?"

The pamphlet, writes the director, is a history of "30 years of Communist territorial expansion as contrasted with the efforts of the free world to implement the principles of self-determination and national independence."

The director of the AFL-CIO's international affairs, as our readers know, is Jay Lovestone.

**THE LABOR LIEUTENANTS OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM**

JAY LOVESTONE

author of the above-quoted 1926 pamphlet was Jay Lovestone.

Today, as for at least 40 years, it is Lovestone who is in the service of the "labor lieutenants of American imperialism." He has been the "CIA's man in labor" since the agency was set up after World War II.

Forty-five years ago Lovestone denounced AFL service to imperialism in Latin-America. But that operation was a very small one compared to the CIA cover operated by Lovestone's department called "American Institute for Free Labor Development," financed by the government to the tune of almost \$3 million annually.

Today it is Lovestone that pressures the State Department to bar U.S. labor contacts with Soviet trade unionists, as it did in 1937. In face of the extreme hawk position of the group of labor officials Lovestone now serves, few can dispute his 1926 observation that some labor officials are "far more reactionary" than some capitalists.

It is precisely because the tide of opposition is running so strongly against the Meany-Lovestone crowd on the Indochina imperialist operation that they reactivated their old red-baiting yarns about

the scurrilous pamphlet certainly timed to "beat" the Pentagon Papers exposure of the most brazen imperialism in modern times — the policy in which the Meany clique were partners.

Thomas W. Braden, now a columnist, in 1950-53 was assistant to CIA director Allan Dulles. He also went in search for an old "creased yellowed" piece of paper, as he described it. In an article in the May 20, 1967, Saturday Evening Post magazine entitled, "I Am Glad the CIA is Immoral," Braden defended the CIA even as a scandal raged over disclosure that the CIA set up a gigantic network of phony foundations, or used existing institutions, as conduits for financing student, union and cultural organizations as covers for CIA operations in many areas abroad.

That yellowed piece of paper Braden described was a receipt from Irving Brown, Lovestone's traveling agent, for \$15,000 "from the vaults of the CIA" given him by Braden "to pay off strong arm squads in Mediterranean ports" who broke Communist-led strikes.

"Into the crisis stepped Lovestone and his assistant, Irving Brown," wrote Braden. "With funds from Dubinsky's union, they organized Force Ouvriere, a non-Communist union. When they ran out of money, they appealed to the CIA. Thus began the secret subsidy of free trade unions which soon spread to Italy."

Braden said the CIA knew Lovestone was spending "nearly two million dollars annually," and went to his superiors in the AFL (presumably George Meany; David Dubinsky and the late Matthew Woll) for some accounting. But he was simply told "Lovestone and his bunch are doing a good job."

Lovestone, wrote Braden, "had an enormous grasp of foreign-intelligence operations."

Look who's calling the USSR "imperialist!"